## HOUSE BILL 2687

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By Representatives Bailey, Conway, Fromhold, Lovick, Hunt, Nixon, Kenney, Quall, Simpson, Ormsby, Moeller, Morrell, Upthegrove and Hinkle; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to a one thousand dollar minimum monthly benefit
- 2 for plan 1 members of the public employees' retirement system and plan
- 3 1 members of the teachers' retirement system; amending RCW 41.32.4851
- 4 and 41.40.1984; and providing an effective date.

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- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.32.4851 and 2004 c 85 s 1 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
  - (1) No one who becomes a beneficiary after June 30, 1995, shall receive a monthly retirement allowance of less than twenty-four dollars and twenty-two cents times the number of years of service creditable to the person whose service is the basis of such retirement allowance.
- 12 (2) If the retirement allowance payable was adjusted at the time 13 benefit payments to the beneficiary commenced, the minimum allowance 14 provided in this section shall be adjusted in a manner consistent with 15 that adjustment.
- 16 (3) Beginning July 1, 1996, the minimum benefit set forth in 17 subsection (1) of this section shall be adjusted annually by the annual 18 increase.

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1 (4) Those receiving a temporary disability benefit under RCW 2 41.32.540 shall not be eligible for the benefit provided by this 3 section.

- (5) Beginning July 1, 2004, the minimum benefit set forth in subsection (1) of this section, prior to adjustments set forth in subsection (2) of this section, for a beneficiary with at least twenty-five years of service and who has been retired at least twenty years shall be one thousand dollars per month. ((The minimum benefit in this subsection shall not be adjusted by the annual increase provided in subsection (3) of this section.)) On July 1, 2006, and each year thereafter, the minimum benefit in this subsection shall be increased by three percent, rounded to the nearest cent.
- (6) Beginning July 1, 2006, the minimum benefit set forth in subsection (1) of this section, prior to adjustments set forth in subsection (2) of this section, for a beneficiary with at least twenty years of service and who has been retired at least twenty-five years shall be one thousand dollars per month. On July 1, 2006, and each year thereafter, the minimum benefit in this subsection shall be increased by three percent, rounded to the nearest cent.
- **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.40.1984 and 2004 c 85 s 2 are each amended to read 21 as follows:
  - (1) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, no one who becomes a beneficiary after June 30, 1995, shall receive a monthly retirement allowance of less than twenty-four dollars and twenty-two cents times the number of years of service creditable to the person whose service is the basis of such retirement allowance.
  - (2) Where the retirement allowance payable was adjusted at the time benefit payments to the beneficiary commenced, the minimum allowance provided in this section shall be adjusted in a manner consistent with that adjustment.
- 31 (3) Beginning July 1, 1996, the minimum benefit set forth in 32 subsection (1) of this section shall be adjusted annually by the annual 33 increase.
- 34 (4) Those receiving a benefit under RCW 41.40.220(1) or under RCW 35 41.44.170 (3) and (5) shall not be eligible for the benefit provided by this section.

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(5) For persons who served as elected officials and whose accumulated employee contributions and credited interest was less than seven hundred fifty dollars at the time of retirement, the minimum benefit under subsection (1) of this section shall be ten dollars per month per each year of creditable service.

- (6) Beginning July 1, 2004, the minimum benefit set forth in subsection (1) of this section, prior to adjustments set forth in subsection (2) of this section, for a beneficiary with at least twenty-five years of service and who has been retired at least twenty years shall be one thousand dollars per month. ((The minimum benefit in this subsection shall not be adjusted by the annual increase provided in subsection (3) of this section.)) On July 1, 2006, and each year thereafter, the minimum benefit in this subsection shall be increased by three percent, rounded to the nearest cent.
- (7) Beginning July 1, 2006, the minimum benefit set forth in subsection (1) of this section, prior to adjustments set forth in subsection (2) of this section, for a beneficiary with at least twenty years of service and who has been retired at least twenty-five years shall be one thousand dollars per month. On July 1, 2006, and each year thereafter, the minimum benefit in this subsection shall be increased by three percent, rounded to the nearest cent.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2006.

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